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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT : Telephone Call to [REDACTED] (SAC Director of Operations) by Col. Gibbs

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On 9 August Col. Gibbs attempted to reach [REDACTED] at SAC HQ at Omaha and was told by [REDACTED] Briggs that [REDACTED] was on his way to Washington.

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On 10 August Col. Gibbs reached [REDACTED] by phone as he was leaving [REDACTED] office in the Pentagon. He told [REDACTED] that it was understood by himself and Mr. Bissell, as a result of the briefing given at SAC HQ by [REDACTED] was very much interested in the ELINT take from our operational missions and considered this kind of intelligence of great value to SAC. In view of this, Mr. Bissell would greatly appreciate any support which [REDACTED] himself could give in attesting to the value of continuing our operations and in making their views known to [REDACTED] who will possibly be presenting the Air Force views in this [REDACTED] at a high level briefing within the week.

[REDACTED] affirmed that [REDACTED] was very much interested and said he believed that [REDACTED] would be willing to do all he could to support us provided that the emphasis of any future operations were placed on that area which was of highest priority for SAC. Col. [REDACTED] said that he understood this and that the line we were following was principally to get approval for action in this area.

Col. [REDACTED] explained that the timing of the high level briefing referred to was quite indefinite due to the Secretary of State's involvement in the Suez crisis and his departure for London.

[REDACTED] did not make a definite commitment as to what action he will take, or when, but presumably [REDACTED] will alert [REDACTED] to this request for support.

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